



2021 Summer Conference

We are so excited to be hosting the summer conference in Albion this year! We hope that you can join us for time of honoring those who have supported NACEB as well as our local communities with their volunteer efforts and generosity, receiving updates about IANR and our Nebraska Legislature as well a tour of the Upstream Farms. It is going to be a great time of networking and growth.

You should have received an email for registration for the June 12th event. If you did not, please reach out to Hilary Maricle, hilary.maricle@unl.edu, or Amanda Mogensen, amogensen17@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

Event Details:

Boone County Fairgrounds

June 12, 2021

9 am to 4 pm – Lunch is included!



My Extension Story

My story started in 1960 and continues today. My first memory of extension was in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas. I had friends that planned to sew, cook, show pigs and dairy cattle. My dad was excited as he and his brother's showed cattle in 4-H when they were young. He talked me into going to the neighbor who had seedstock and buying a heifer to show. Dad later told me in the grand scheme of things it would be politically correct in ranch country to build a cowherd, but it would have been too embarrassing to have an eleven-year-old steer around and he was pretty sure I would become too attached to it want to sell it. I was 19 before I sold one of my show heifers in a seedstock sale at a state show. My cowherd put me through college, and I owed no money after graduation. My projects taught me the meaning of work ethic and responsibility. People would ask about my calves and dad would say, "You had better ask Jo, because I am too old for 4-H." Mom made me do all 10 years of sewing and cooking because I had started those projects and she felt I needed to see them to the end.

Leadership and public speaking skills were developed as local leaders pushed us to speak in front of large groups of people. I learned to judge livestock because an extension educator dragged us over the entire state of Kansas when we were little. Later, I completed on a collegiate judging team at Colby and passed up a full ride to OPSU at Goodwell, Oklahoma, because I was ready to go to work. The

veterinary science project helped me on my way to my becoming a registered technician and my job in a clinic and later teaching college classes at NCTA.

When I started teaching at NCTA the faculty all had a $\frac{1}{4}$ appointment with extension. I used numerous research bulletins and papers in most of my classes. We put on Feedlot Colleges and Cow/Calf Colleges in conjunction with extension as well as numerous 4-H activities at the college. I served on the local extension board and now serve on NACEB. The extension educator in Frontier County became one of my best friends as we met through our daughter's friendship. My experiences and knowledge gained through 4-H lead me to get my daughter enrolled. She was in 4-H for 11 years and I started her in areas that would make her develop a work ethic and be able to talk to a large group of people. I will be involved for a long time to come as my grandchildren are just starting their journey.